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Letter dated 26 August 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the diplomatic note from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela concerning the attack on the Venezuelan Embassy and official residence in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on 23 August 2011 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Note from the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela concerning the attack on the Venezuelan Embassy and official residence in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

New York, 26 August 2011

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela strongly condemns the attack on its Embassy and official residence accredited to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, committed on 23 August 2011 by an armed and violent mob that caused substantial damage to its facilities and endangered the lives of the people within. As they publicly proclaimed, the irrational attackers were attempting to assassinate Mr. Alif Tajeldine, Venezuela's Ambassador to that brother country.

These criminal attacks on our nation's heritage and sovereignty, which endangered Venezuelan diplomatic and local staff, are a clear violation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela condemns the fact that the perpetrators of these criminal acts, the so-called "National Transitional Council", have illogically persisted in criticizing Venezuela's strong support for international law as shown by its respect for the sovereignty and self-determination of the people of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. It is common knowledge that this "Council" operates under the protection of the United States of America and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

It is important to bear in mind that NATO, which monitors the land, sea and airspace of Libyan territory, is responsible for these events and bears the consequences thereof.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela condemns the fact that this attack on the sovereignty of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela occurred at a time when imperialist and pro-imperialist NATO countries are killing thousands of innocent civilians and destroying the heritage of the Libyan people through indiscriminate bombing.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela condemns the fact that these countries are attempting to seize the immeasurable water resources and hydrocarbon reserves of the Libyan people, as well as their international reserves in the amount of US$ 200 billion.

Having destroyed one of Africa's finest infrastructures, which was created to benefit the Libyan people, the aggressor Powers have now begun to divide among them, through acts of pillage, the lucrative contracts for the "reconstruction" of Libya. They are turning the destruction of a developing country into an immoral business.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela asserts that arming, training and supporting internal subversive groups in Libya, promoting and funding regime change, ordering assassination of the leader of a sovereign nation and attacking the territorial integrity and political independence of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

constitute clear and systematic violations of Security Council resolution 1973 (2011) and of the Charter of the United Nations and undermine the fundamental principles and norms of international law.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reiterates its call for all the warring parties in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to declare an immediate ceasefire in order to open negotiations leading to a political solution, thereby avoiding further bloodshed, and to lay the foundation for a lasting peace in this sister nation under the good offices that the African Union has been offering since the beginning of the conflict.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela stresses the need to preserve the unity, peace, territorial integrity, sovereignty, self-determination and political independence of this State. It confirms that it recognizes only the Government of Muammar Al-Qadhafi and that it will not recognize any Government installed in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as a result of this imperialist aggression and intervention.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela urges the signatories to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations to condemn the attack on the Venezuelan State.

The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to condemn the violation of the sovereignty of the homeland of the Liberator, Simón Bolívar, and to reiterate the international obligation to ensure the inviolability of diplomatic missions accredited to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.